The Government, in the Xlth plan, is also proposing to launch a new scheme called INSPIRE (Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research). The main features of the proposed scheme will be: (1) innovation funding in schools (one million young innovators); (2) summer camp with science icons (for high performers); (3) assured opportunity schemes for proven talent force; and (4) retention of talent in public funded research through public-private partnerships. In addition, another new scheme on Scholarships for Science in Higher Education will be initiated in the Xlth Plan. The scheme targets institution of 10,000 fellowships of Rs. 1,00,000/- per year for bright students in science streams during their B.Sc/M.Sc. courses.

Expenditure by Bose Institute, Kolkata

2215. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that audit observed some wasteful expenditure by certain units like the Bose Institute, Kolkata;

(b) if so, the details of such observations during last two years and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any responsibility has been fixed for any irregularity; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. No wasteful expenditure has been observed by audit in respect of Bose Institute, Kolkata during the last two financial years *i.e.* 2004-05 and 2005-06.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Facilities in National Institute of Oceanography

2216. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to upgrade and/or provide more infrastructural, technological and scientific facilities to the National Institute of Oceanography Goa; and